

pay our rent, and think we were doing about what was right; and were sure that the preacher was all sound on the question; we would go to sleep, and be assured he was right; but now we keep awake; and we have got to be pretty sure he preaches the truth. Then take the account of the evangelical work being done, think of the people who are preaching the Word; thousands of laymen in Chicago are standing up in those little chapels preaching to multitudes. I hear them in places where they cannot support a minister preaching the Word of Life. The development in that respect is great; and then the inspiration you get in these conventions where we come together! What a blessed sight to meet together as one people; some of you are Methodists and some are Presbyterians; we can say here what a delightful thing to meet together in these conventions. We sometimes get discouraged in our work; we are away off in different places, and we feel as if nobody was working except ourselves; we get discouraged; we are like a clock which gets run down—weak and slow; but when we come to the convention and feel what has been done, we get inspiration, get wound up, and come back encouraged. I have been thinking about Elijah; he is a favorite of mine. I often think what a hero he was as he stood on Mount Carmel, where he was the only representative of God; all the rest were against him; and there he stood in all his grandeur, waiting until the time came to prove that God was a living and a true God. I think what a grand, magnificent scene that was; he thought that miracle was going to convert the whole Jewish nation; it did not do it; why, Jezebel told him what she would do if he would not get out of the way; and he was not the first man that fled from a woman either: he was not afraid of a man, but he was of a woman; he fled away down into Horeb, and got away off into a cave; he got discouraged, and there God went for him, and He found him there and brought him out, and said to him, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" He said, Lord, there is no use; everybody that loves Thee is dead; I am the only one that remains. And God said to Elijah, "I have left me 7,000 in Israel which have not bowed unto Baal." You never heard of them; they have not been very active; I suppose they were rather retired Christians; at all events their light was burning dimly, but still they were lovers of God, they had not bowed the knee to Baal; and God took Elijah out there and put him on the mountain, and taught him a lesson he never forgot. It was not in the wind or the fire, but in the still small voice. This is not our work, but it is His work. There is the comfort of every one of us; He is the great Captain of this host; He is the one that has got the plans up in heaven; it is for us to stand where God puts us, and work on. We come to these places and get inspired. We find how many friends God has. We are encouraged and blessed, and we feel that God has got numbers of others who are working besides us; and we get their new modes and ways of doing this. I think these conventions have been one of the greatest bless-

ings God has given us. I hope Brother [unclear] up in heaven. God has a work to do; and encouraged, I will be witnessed once in time. "What are you doing had been standing to stand there?" "Suppose you should stand here." "Then to stay here, and telling so long?" "I tell you about it." "I eye open; He has to stand faithfully the position in your attendance, and then I hope these results; whatever God us in the future; work. It is a blessing for Christ. Some the higher work; such a position as the word "duty." reached down and He took us up into a change it was, v to God and say, "no, no; let us say of showing my love does not allow any the privilege of doing his place and come and me to do. He bassadors to a losing love. What go out to Him for ners of souls from consecrated to God until the great day of Christ.

The CHAIRMAN seconded, that the past five. (Carried)